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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a patent application entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ACTIVE DETECTION OF CONNECTION TO A NETWORK," comprising:

- ☒ A continuing application as indicated below:
- ☒ Continuation of prior application no. 09/437,545, which is hereby incorporated by reference in the enclosed application in its entirety.
- \_\_\_\_\_ This continuation constitutes the enclosed true and complete copy of said prior application, together with any instructions or amendments provided herein or herewith.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Divisional of prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_, which is hereby incorporated by reference in the enclosed application in its entirety.
- \_\_\_\_\_ This divisional constitutes the enclosed true and complete copy of said prior application, together with any instructions or amendments provided herein or herewith.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Continuation-in-part of prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_, which is hereby incorporated by reference in the enclosed application in its entirety.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A patent application claiming the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \*\*/\*\*,\*\*\*, filed \*\*, 20\*\*, which is hereby incorporated by reference in the enclosed application in its entirety.
- ☒ Forty-eight (48) pages of specification, claims and abstract from the prior application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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- ☒ Six (6) sheets of \_\_\_ formal/\_\_\_informal drawings.
- \_\_\_ Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition.
- \_\_\_ Newly Executed
- \_\_\_ Copy from prior application (when a continuation or divisional) (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))
- \_\_\_ Associate or Substitute Power of Attorney
- \_\_\_ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
- \_\_\_ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
- \_\_\_ Computer Readable Copy
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- \_\_\_ Statement verifying identity of above referenced copies

Also enclosed are:

- \_\_\_ An Assignment from \_\_\_\_\_ to  
\_\_\_\_\_ (including assignment cover sheet)
- \_\_\_ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 accompanied by a Form PTO-1449.
- \_\_\_ A Preliminary Amendment, and the fee calculation set forth below is based upon the claims as constituted by said amendment.
- ☒ A return receipt postcard under MPEP § 503, indicating specially itemized enclosures.
- \_\_\_ A Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) to Establish Right of Assignee to Take Action.
- \_\_\_ A Certificate of Express Mailing certifying a filing date of\*\*\*[filing date]\*\*\* by use of Express Mail Label No. \*\*\*[Label No.]\*\*\*.
- \_\_\_ A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status for \*\*\*[independent inventor, etc.]\*\*\*, under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27.
- \_\_\_ A paper entitled "Establishment of Small Entity Status" under 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a), along with a copy of the declaration claiming small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 filed in the prior application.

\_\_\_\_ Certified copy of priority document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed).

\_\_\_\_ A copy of the extension of time simultaneously filed in the prior application.

Instructions and Averments:

\_\_\_\_ Incorporation by Reference (if a copy of the declaration from prior application is included). The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the declaration is supplied herewith as referenced above, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

\_\_\_\_ A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status was filed in the prior application and such status is still proper and desired.

\_\_\_\_ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

\_\_\_\_ Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2), please amend the specification as follows:

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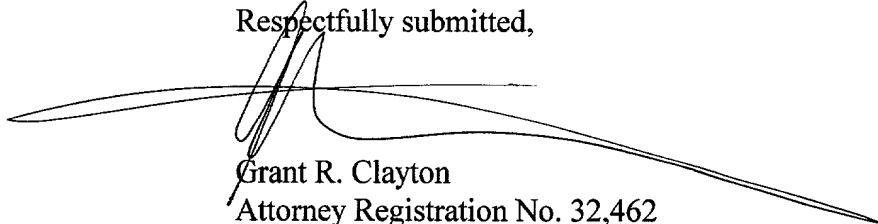
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